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"PATENT APPLICATION"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re Application of

JEAN-PIERE TAHON ET AL

APPEAL No.

U.S. Serial No. 09/689,632

Group Art Unit 1772

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Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Dear Sir:

Appellants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Appeals in the above-identified appeal. A check in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the fee for such request is being submitted herewith.

A Reply Brief is being concurrently filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690.

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